

# **CHARTER**

## **INTERAGENCY AIR AND SMOKE COUNCIL (IASC)**

(Adopted October 15, 1999)  
(Revised 10-18-01, 01-23-03, 10-16-03, 05-30-13)

### **PURPOSE**

The Interagency Air and Smoke Council (IASC) provides a forum for air regulators, land managers, and fire managers to get together and talk about air quality and smoke management issues in California.

### **MISSION**

Provide opportunities for communication, coordination, and education needed to develop and maintain workable fire management, land management, and air quality strategies.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Build communication networks.
- Provide education and awareness of respective needs of land managers and air quality regulators.
- Facilitate smooth transition into new and changing air quality regulations and other applicable environmental regulations.
- Identify any conflicts and recommend compromises.
- Identify any needed changes in law and identify possible solutions.
- Find and develop new tools, and utilize best available science to help accomplish prescribed burn and air quality goals.
- Develop strategies to provide public education.
- Build coalitions between burners, air managers and land managers to promote the effective and efficient use of prescribed fire.

### **STRUCTURE**

The group is structured as an open forum. The members are responsible for fire, land, and air management and include, but are not limited to:

- Air Pollution Control Districts (APCD)/Air Quality Management Districts (AQMD)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA-US Dept. of Interior)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM-US Dept. of Interior)
- California Air Pollution Control Officers' Association (CAPCOA)
- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- California Board of Forestry
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Defense (DOD-Air Force, Army, Navy)
- Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)

- Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS-US Dept. of Interior)
- Forest Service (USFS-US Dept. of Agriculture)
- National Park Service (NPS-US Dept. of Interior)
- Private Landowners
- Private Fuel and Fire Managers
- Army Corp of Engineers (COE)
- Fire Safe Councils

## **IASC MEETING MANAGEMENT**

Meetings will be held bi-annually (during the April/May and October/November time periods). Agencies will rotate the responsibility for hosting and facilitating the meetings. The agency hosting will set up the meeting and provide all materials (agenda, motel list, map, etc.) for a timely e-mail distribution. Meeting notes will be the responsibility of the hosting agency or an agreed upon note taker.

CARB will update and maintain IASC's e-mail list as well as electronically distribute meeting materials provided by the hosting agency.

The October/November meeting agenda will include re-evaluating the Steering Committee membership, reviewing the IASC Charter, scheduling the next year's meetings and hosts.

## **STEERING COMMITTEE**

The duty of the Steering Committee is to create the agenda for meetings by soliciting input from the membership and confirming a host for the meeting.

The Steering Committee will be comprised of one representative from each agency listed in the attachment. Tenure for committee members is two (2) years with members rotating off the committee every other year unless an agency chooses to keep the same representative. Half of the terms begin in even years and half begin in odd years.

The Steering Committee members will meet or coordinate electronically (conference call and emails) each January to review tenure, changes, and/or replacements in the committee membership. Steering Committee member changes do not require approval of Charter changes.

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

Ad hoc subcommittees will be created if the membership identifies the need.

**Attachment**  
**Steering Committee Agencies and Representatives**  
**May 2013**

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| • Bureau of Land Management *                               | <b>Denise Blankenship</b> , Sacramento     |
| • California Air Pollution Control<br>Officers' Association | <b>Ann Hobbs</b> , Placer Co. APCD, Auburn |
| • CAL FIRE, California Resources Agency                     | <b>Tony Mediati</b> , Sacramento           |
| • U.S. Environmental Protection Agency                      | <b>Don Hodge</b> , San Francisco           |
| • California Air Resources Board *                          | <b>Dar Mims</b> , Sacramento               |
| • National Park Service *                                   | <b>Corky Conover</b> , Three Rivers        |
| • U.S. Forest Service *                                     | <b>Trent Procter</b> , Porterville         |
| • U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service                              | <b>Rich Handley</b> , Sacramento           |

\* Committee representatives rotate every even year with the other representatives rotating on the odd year